Losses in public airline companies

†1799. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air Corporation Employees Union has held Government responsible for losses to country's public airline companies;

(b) if so, the reasons on the basis of which Government has been held responsible for losses to public airline companies;

(c) whether Government agrees with the Union's claim; and

(d) if not, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) The Air Corporation Employees Union has addressed a letter to the Prime Minister on 23.6.2009 wherein issues like acquisition of aircraft, bilateral rights, over capacity induction domestic sectors, sale and lease back of aircraft by erstwhile Indian Airlines and Air India, merger of erstwhile Indian Airlines and Air India have been mentioned as responsible for the present financial position of National Aviation Company of India Limited.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The financial health of NACIL has deteriorated due to operating losses, which have been compounded due to the present economic recession as also the high oil prices last year and debt servicing on new aircraft coupled with systemic inefficiencies of the Company. The Government has asked NACIL to improve its operational and financial performance.

Congestion at International airports

1800. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of flights operated in a day from each of the International Airports in the country at present;

(b) whether there has been overcrowding resulting in delay in take off and landing of aircrafts; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to decongest the pressure at major International Airports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) The average number of flights operated in a day from each of the International Airports in the country is as under : Mumbai (MIAL) - 653, Delhi (DIAL) - 646, Chennai - 327, Banglore (BIAL) - 293, Kolkata - 228, Hyderabad (GHIAL) - 224, Cochin - 113, Ahmedabad - 101, Guwahati - 87, Trivandrum - 64, Goa - 61 Calicut - 54, Jaipur - 60, Nagpur - 52, Port Blair - 20, Srinagar - 21 and Amritsar - 20.

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